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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASATO MURAKI ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/733,980)
Filed: December 12, 2000)
For: CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS,)
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM)
EXPOSURE METHOD, CONTROL)
DATA DETERMINATION)
METHOD, AND DEVICE MANU-)
FACTURING USING THIS)
METHOD)
Examiner: N. Wells
Group Art Unit: 2881
October 9, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The claims are listed beginning at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 11.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 9, 2003.

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